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Title: PROCESSES FOR THE PREPARATION OF NOVEL COLLAGEN-BASED SUPPORTS FOR TISSUE ENGINEERING, AND BIOMATERIALS OBTAINED

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8 The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence and the paper(s), as described herein, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on October 24, 2001.

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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- ☒ Response to Restriction Requirement and Amendment
- The fee has been calculated as shown below in the "Claims as Amended" table
- ☒ Small entity status has been previously established
- ☒ Request for Extension of Time for one month(s) and fee of \$55.00
- ☒ Check(s) in the amount of \$18.00 for extra claim fees
- ☒ Return postcard

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

| Claims Remaining After Amendment | | Highest Number Previously Paid For | | Present Extra | | Rate | | Fee |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|---|---------------|---|-------|---|---------|
| Total Claims | | | | | | | | |
| 54 | - | 52 | = | 2 | x | 9.00 | = | \$18.00 |
| Independent Claims | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | - | 7 | = | 0 | x | 42.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE | | | | | | | | \$0.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE | | | | | | | | 18.00 |

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